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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE PROPOSAL FOR DECLARATION OR RESOLUTION
ON INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS IN OCEAN AFFAIRS

REF: USUN 3586

1. IN INTRODUCING THE PROPOSAL CITED REFTEL PORTUGAL
(RUIVO) STATED AT THE PLENARY MEETING IN GENEVA ON MAY 19
AS FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN EXCERPT OF SUMMARY RECORD OF 106TH PLENARY
MEETING:

MR. RUIVO (PORTUGAL)...EXPLAINED THAT THE PROPOSAL HAD RE-
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SULTED FROM INFORMAL CONTACTS AND CONSULTATIONS AMONG
VARIOUS DELEGATIONS ON THE INITIATIVE OF HIS DELEGATION.
THE SPONSORS HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THE CONSTRUCTIVE COM-
MENTS AND SUPPORT OF MANY OTHER DELEGATIONS. THEY WOULD
EXAMINE WITH INTEREST ANY SUGGESTION FOR IMPROVING THE
PROPOSAL, WHICH WAS EXPECTED TO BE CONSIDERED IN DETAIL AT
A LATER STAGE OF THE CONFERENCE.

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AS WAS STATED IN THE PREAMBLE OF THE PROPOSAL, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA WOULD CALL FOR AN ACTIVE AND INCREASED ROLE OF THE APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH COMPETENCE IN OCEAN AFFAIRS, SPECIALLY THOSE WHICH ARE PART OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM. THE INFORMAL COMPOSITE NEGOTIATING TEXT INCLUDED 76 ARTICLES MAKING MORE THAN 100 SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO FUNCTIONS TO BE PERFORMED BY DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS. AN IMPROVEMENT IN INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND CLOSER COOPERATION AMONG THOSE ORGANIZATIONS SEEMED NECESSARY, THEREFORE, TO ENABLE THEM TO MEET THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE FIELD OF MARITIME SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES AND OTHER RELEVANT ACTIVITIES.

BECAUSE ADJUSTMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WERE A LENGTHY PROCESS, THE PROPOSAL ENVISAGED ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY STATES, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE EXECUTIVE HEADS OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. STATES WERE URGED TO COOPERATE ACTIVELY IN THE WORK OF THE GLOBAL, REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF WHICH THEY WERE MEMBERS AND TO CONSIDER WAYS AND MEANS OF RATIONALIZING FURTHER THE WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH THE IMPROVEMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF COORDINATING MECHANISMS. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED
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NATIONS WAS REQUESTED TO TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO UPDATE PERIODICALLY THE "ANNOTATED DIRECTORY OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH OCEAN AFFAIRS" (A/CONF.62/L.14), AND TO INCLUDE IN FUTURE REVISED ISSUES OF THE DIRECTORY INFORMATION OF A FACTUAL NATURE ON INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES, PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS. HE WAS FURTHER REQUESTED TO ARRANGE FOR THE PREPARATION OF A REPORT CONTAINING PROPOSALS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN THAT SECTOR. THE REPORT, TOGETHER WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF EXECUTIVE HEADS OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IN VIEW OF THE COMPLEXITY OF PREPARING SUCH A REPORT, IT WAS PROPOSED TO ESTABLISH AN AD HOC STUDY GROUP COMPOSED OF EMINENT PERSONS INTIMATELY ACQUAINTED WITH INTERNATIONAL OCEAN AFFAIRS.

THE PROPOSAL RESTED ON THE IDEA THAT THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION OF THE CONVENTION AND CONSTRUCTIVE COLLABORATION AMONG STATES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NEW OCEAN REGIME DEPENDED TO A GREAT EXTENT ON THE EFFICIENCY AND CAPACITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED. IN THE VIEW OF THE

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SPONSORS OF THE PROPOSAL, THE CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA OFFERED A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT IN MOTION THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS. THEY KNEW THAT THEIR PROPOSAL COULD NOT BE DISCUSSED AT THE CURRENT SESSION, BUT HAD WISHED TO SUBMIT IT WITHOUT FURTHER DEALY, FOR GENERAL INFORMATION, IN ORDER THAT IT MIGHT BE STUDIED DURING THE INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD.

HE ADDED THAT THE PROPOSAL IN QUESTION WAS QUITE DISTINCT FROM OTHER PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY PORTUGAL (I.E. MECHANISMS TO REVIEW PERIODICALLY THE OPERATION OF THE LOS CONVENTION.)

END EXCERPT

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